

Ocean Avenue Association  
Executive Director's Report  
March 15 to April 18, 2013

**Greening Grant Award** OAA, in a partnership with Friends of the Urban Forest, won a \$10,000 grant from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's Winter 2013 Invest in Neighborhoods program. Our winning proposal is to daylight sections of concrete on Ocean Avenue and its side streets for sidewalk gardens. The areas to be landscaped have not been finalized yet. If you have location ideas, please let me know.

**Small Business Technical Grant** OAA's application for a small business development grant has not been decided as yet. Although the San Francisco Small Business Development Center grant has been awarded, the participating commercial corridors have not been selected.

**Ocean Avenue Gateway Garden Shed** An issue has developed that will impact our ability to maintain the Ocean Avenue Gateway community garden. When the new Muni bus turnaround starts operation, private vehicles will not be able to access the garden for maintenance. The plan with MTA was to construct a 4 ft by 7 ft garden shed so tools and supplies could be stored onsite. Now the Water Department, owner of the site, has stated that a shed cannot be provided at the site because no structures can be constructed on Water Department property. No other close-by location has been identified. At our meeting today we'll be reviewing the proposed contract language to determine how we will respond to the Water Department and the new maintenance situation.

**Ocean Avenue Parklet Grant** Out of Site applied for a \$40,000 Community Challenge Grant to design and construct a parklet at Ashton and Ocean. As a match, \$10,000 in cash and pledges for volunteer labor hours were submitted. Members of the OAA Street Life Committee pledged \$1875 of volunteer time for this project; Out of Site pledged \$930 of volunteer time. Total project is more than \$61,000. CCG decision should be available in a few months.

**Streets Bond Ocean Avenue Allocation** I have not yet heard back from DPW and Department of City Planning about developing a 15 year plan for the improvement of Ocean Avenue and for the spending of the remainder this \$960,000 allocation to the Ocean Avenue corridor.

**Newsracks** The current plan for newsracks in the commercial corridor was reviewed by the Street Life Committee. The committee recommended that the OAA board consider their proposals.

Dan Weaver